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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Takebe et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Takada et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990;
- (3) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, issued February 22, 1994; and
- (4) Hagihara, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/537,425, filed March 27, 2000.

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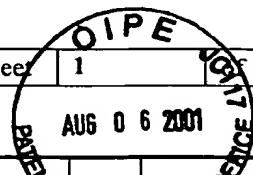
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